

and job opportunities, establishing safer conditions for workers, and initiatives to protect the environment. This award indicates that Reliant Energy HL&P/Entex has demonstrated a commitment to strengthening community relations by supporting employees' volunteer activities and making contributions to deserving sectors of the community.

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TRIBUTE TO VETERANS

**HON. JENNIFER DUNN**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 15, 1999*

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, President Calvin Coolidge once said, "The nation which forgets its defenders will be itself forgotten." Americans have not forgotten the veterans who risked their lives and, in many cases, sacrificed their health and goals for this great country.

The United States maintains its coveted position as the world's only remaining superpower because of the countless men and women who, throughout history, selflessly put themselves in harm's way to defend America's freedom across the globe.

On this Veterans Day, I would like to pay a special tribute to a particular group of veterans who are many times overlooked—the more than 400,000 women who served in the U.S. military during World War II.

In order to properly show my gratitude to these unsung heroes, I lent my name as a proud cosponsor of H. Res. 41, Honoring American Military Women For Their Service in World War II Resolution. This measure pays tribute to the women pioneers who partook in a career traditionally reserved for men and recognizes the high standard of military excellence they set for future generations to admire. I am pleased that we are taking time to give these military women due credit and thanks.

On this special day, it is important for Americans across the nation to recognize all veterans for their selfless dedication to our great Nation. Many put their life's dreams on hold to ensure American freedom and security. To them, I humbly say, "thank you."

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A TRIBUTE TO MIAMI-DADE'S  
SENIOR COMPANIONS

**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 15, 1999*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to congratulate the volunteers of the

Miami-Dade County Senior Companion Program who selflessly dedicate their lives to provide supportive services to adults with special needs and comfort to their families.

Four hours a week, five days a week, Senior Companions seek to fulfill the needs of South Florida's increasing elderly community, and especially senior citizens afflicted with Alzheimer's disease, by providing friendship and personal assistance in the activities of daily living.

Martin Luther King once stated "everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

Miami-Dade's Senior Companions have demonstrated grace, love and immeasurable commitment to less fortunate seniors in our community, and on Friday, December 3rd, Miami-Dade County Community Action Agency will honor them and celebrate their unparalleled generosity with a luncheon.

Congratulations and much success to the Senior Companions for their great work.

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HONORING DOROTHY JOHNSON  
FOR RECEIVING THE AUGUSTA  
LEWIS TROUP AWARD

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 15, 1999*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dorothy Johnson, as she receives the Augusta Lewis Troup "Pass it on" Award for her contributions to the labor movement in New Haven.

The Augusta Lewis Troup "Pass it on" Award is presented annually to those individuals who have committed a lifetime to fighting for workers rights. Born in New York City in 1849, Troup, a career journalist, became the first female national officer of a trade union in the United States when she was elected Corresponding Secretary of the National Typographical Union in 1868. Troup dedicated her life not only to ensuring workers rights, but also raising awareness and fighting for women's rights to vote. Troup came to New Haven as an active suffragist, and is remembered as an untiring activist—striving to alleviate the conditions of local working people and the poor.

As President of the United Electrical, Radio, and Mechanical Workers Local 299, Dorothy has fought long and difficult battles with companies all over the New Haven area, organizing small manufacturing workforces into proud, active members. Dorothy spent 6 years

struggling to win union recognition for workers at Circuitwise in North Haven, finally achieving her goal in 1994. Today, workers at companies like Circuitwise are assured of a livable wage, health insurance for themselves and their families, and a safe working environment; thanks to Dorothy's efforts.

It is with great pride that I rise to join friends, family, and the New Haven community in saluting Dorothy, as she receives the 1999 Augusta Lewis Troup "Pass it on" Award. Congratulations.

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A TRIBUTE TO JENNIFER  
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**HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 15, 1999*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, the Appropriations Committee on November 19th will lose one of its most competent and efficient staff members, Jenny Mummert.

Jenny will leave us that day to further her career in the private sector, and the Committee and particularly the Defense subcommittee will not be the same without her.

Jenny joined the Committee in January 1991 as a member of the Treasury Postal Subcommittee staff, where she worked for four different Subcommittee Chairmen.

When I became Chairman of the Defense Subcommittee in 1995, I persuaded Jenny to come to work for us. She took on every task we gave her cheerfully and professionally from helping with the arrangements at hearings, to preparing the voluminous notes and tables at markups and conferences, and a myriad of other tasks associated with writing and passing the largest of our appropriations bills.

Jenny has not only been great in the work place, but she has done so while raising a family of four. She and her husband, Joe are the loving parents of Joey, Kandyce, Kevin, and Karley.

Like most Members of the Appropriations Committee and its staff, Jenny has put in her share of long nights, weekends, and holidays helping to prepare our annual legislative products. She has been a trooper, and on behalf of the entire Committee and the Congress, I want to thank her for her numerous contributions to her country and to our nation's security.

Mr. Speaker, it is my hope that my colleagues on the Appropriations Committee and in the House will join me in wishing Jenny all the best with her new career.